

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL**  
December 16, 2014  
**6:00 P.M.**

1. Call to Order: Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr., Presiding Officer, called to order the regular meeting of the Perry City Council held December 16, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

2. Roll.

Elected Officials Present: Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr., Mayor Pro Tempore Randall Walker and Council Members William Jackson, Willie King, Robert Jones and Riley Hunt.

Elected Official(s) Absent: Council Member Phyllis Bynum-Grace

Staff: City Manager Lee Gilmour, City Attorney David Walker and Recording Clerk, Cyndi Houser.

City Departmental Staffing: Michael Beecham – Director of Community Development, Chief Steve Lynn – Perry Police Department, Fire Marshall David Stanton – Fire and Emergency Services Department, Brenda King – Director of Administration, Robert Smith –Economic Development Director and Decius Aaron – Director of Public Works Department.

Guest(s)/Speakers: Ms. Sarah Nottingham, Ms. Annie Warren, Mr. Penrose Wolf, Rev. Larry Wood, Fire Battalion Chief Robbie Rowell, Firefighters Allan Kramer, Angel Carambot, Corey Hamlin, Josh James, Tyler Messer, Jeremy Williams, Tyler Moroney, Clint Mixon, Asa Becker, Chris Cothron, Joshua Kelley, Jared Davis, and Asa Stanton.

Media: Tabitha Walker – ComSouth 100 and Mike Stucka – Macon Telegraph.

3. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: Rev. Larry Wood of Grace Village and Perry Volunteer Outreach gave the invocation and the new firefighters led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

4. Appointment(s)/Presentation(s):

- Mr. Penrose Wolf, Chairman of the Board of Perry Housing Authority, presented the name of Mrs. Phyliss Ingram as Resident Commissioner for a one-year term effective January 12, 2015. Council Member Hunt moved to confirm the appointment of Phyliss Ingram as Resident Commissioner for a one-year term effective January 12, 2015. Council member King seconded and the vote was unanimous.
- Ms. Susan Scragg, Perry Main Street Board President, thanked Mayor and Council for their continued support of the Buzzard Drop and presented each with a “swag bag” of goodies representing this year’s event.
- Battalion Chief Rowell introduced thirteen (13) of the twenty-one (21) new firefighters indicating if they were recruits ready for school in January or already had experience. Mayor and Council welcomed the group and noted they were looking forward to getting to know each of them.

- Ms. Nottingham and Ms. Warren thanked Mayor and Council for their support of the employee Christmas social including the raffling of two gift baskets and a fifty/fifty raffle. Grace Village was chosen as the recipient of the proceeds from these raffles. Rev. Larry Wood was then presented with a check for \$578.

5. Remarks of Citizens: None

6. Consent Agenda Items: Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr.

- 6a. Council's Consideration – Minutes of the December 1, 2014 work session meeting, December 2, 2014 pre-council meeting and December 2, 2014 council meeting.

Mayor Pro Tempore Walker moved to accept the minutes of the December 1, 2014 work session, December 2, 2014 pre-council meeting and December 2, 2014. Council Member Jackson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

7. Old Business: Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr.

7a. Ordinance(s) for Second Reading and Adoption:

1. **Second Reading** of an ordinance amending the City of Perry Blight Ordinance to provide for a hearing officer.

Adopted Ordinance No. 2014-28 amending City of Perry Blight Ordinance to provide for a hearing officer. Mayor Pro Tempore Randall Walker motioned to adopt the ordinance as submitted; Council Member King seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. (*Ordinance 2014-28 has been entered in the City's official book of record*).

2. **Second Reading** of an ordinance amending the Perry Land Development Ordinance - Downtown Development District Amendment.

Adopted Ordinance No. 2014-29 amending the Perry Land Development ordinance – Downtown Development District Amendment. Council Member Jones motioned to adopt the ordinance as submitted. Council Member King seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. (*Ordinance 2014-29 has been entered in the City's official book of record*).

3. **Second Reading** of an ordinance amending the FY15 Operating Budget.

Council Member Hunt motioned to table the ordinance amending FY15 Operating Budget for further review. Mayor Pro Tempore Walker seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

4. **Second Reading** of an ordinance amending the City of Perry Code Chapter 19 Nuisances relative to litter control.

Adopted Ordinance No. 2014-30 amending the City of Perry Code Chapter 19 Nuisances relative to litter control. Council Member King motioned to adopt the ordinance as submitted. Mayor Pro Tempore Walker seconded and the motion carried unanimously. (*Ordinance 2014-30 has been entered in the City's official book of record*).

7b. Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr. - None

7c. Council/Manager/Attorney - None

8. New Business: Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr.

8a. Matters referred from December 15, 2014 work session and December 16, 2014 pre council meeting.

None

8b. Ordinance(s) for First Reading and Introduction.

1. **First Reading** of an ordinance establishing no through truck routes. (*No action required by Council*)

2. **First Reading** of an ordinance amending the City Code of Ethics. (*No action required by Council*)

8c. Award of Bids:

1. W F Ragin Drive Sidewalk Extension

Administration recommended acceptance of the low bid of \$24,215.00 from LaKay Enterprises, Inc., Fort Valley, GA, to construct the extension of a sidewalk along W F Ragin Drive. Council Member Hunt motioned to accept the low bid of \$24,215.00 from LaKay Enterprises, Inc. to construct a sidewalk extension on W F Ragin Drive. Council Member Jackson seconded and it carried unanimously.

8d. Renewal of the City's workers' compensation insurance.

Administration recommended acceptance of the workers' compensation insurance proposal from Bituminous Insurance Company for \$122,752.00. Council Member Hunt motioned to accept the low bid from Bituminous Insurance Company for workers' compensation insurance in the amount of \$122,752.00. Council Member Jones seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

9. Department Head Items.

Ms. King, Chief Lynn, Chief Stanton, Mr. Aaron and Mr. Smith – No reports

Mr. Beecham stated that eighteen (18) new home permits have been issued so far this month. He also advised that the McDonald's restaurant on Sam Nunn Boulevard will begin a

remodeling project about mid-January. It was not known if the business would be closed during the remodeling.

Mr. Gilmour – No report.

City Attorney David Walker – Wished everyone Merry Christmas.

10. Council Member and General Public Items.

None

11. Mayor Items.

Mayor Faircloth commended Mr. Smith for his memo summarizing the high points of the tax digest and how it is affecting the City. He then reminded everyone of the following dates and events:

- A ribbon cutting on Hwy 41 North near Eagle Springs Elementary School on Wednesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm. The DOT will also be presenting LMIG checks to each entity for street resurfacing projects.
- The Christmas appreciation for the boards and authorities will be held December 18, 2014 at the Perry Arts Center.
- The Second Annual Buzzard Drop will be held December 31, 2014 in downtown Perry with festivities to begin at 8 pm.
- January 19, 2015 will be a walk in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. The walk begins at 8:30 am at Oldfield Baptist Church and ends at New Hope Baptist Church.
- The annual Mayors' Day sponsored by GMA will be held January 23-26 and classes are available for certification credits.
- The next Walk with Mayor and Council will be on February 24, 2015 in the New Hope Subdivision.
- Wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

12. Adjourn. There being no further business to come before Council in the regular council meeting held December 16, 2014, Council Member Jackson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 p.m.; Council Member Hunt seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.